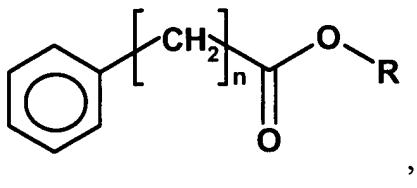


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) Topical cosmetic composition comprising at least one HDAC inhibitor in combination with a retinoid and a cosmetically or pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or diluent, wherein the HDAC inhibitor is a compound of the formula:



wherein

R is hydrogen or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>30</sub> hydrocarbon residue and

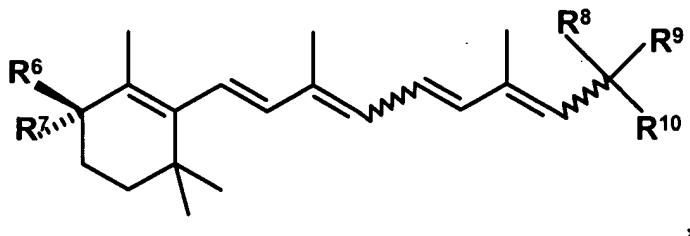
n is an integer of 1 to 5.

15. (Currently Amended) Topical cosmetic composition according to claim 14,

wherein R is hydrogen, a C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl group or a C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkenyl group.

16. (Currently Amended) Topical cosmetic composition according to claim 14,

wherein the retinoid is a compound of the formula



wherein R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are independently of each other hydrogen or hydroxy or R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> together form an oxygen atom

R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are hydrogen or R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> together form an oxygen atom

R<sup>10</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy or a residue OR<sup>11</sup>

R<sup>11</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl (preferably C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl), C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkenyl (preferably C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl), C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> aryl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkylaryl or a residue -C(O)-R<sup>12</sup>

R<sup>12</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl (preferably C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl) or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkenyl (preferably C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl).

17. (Currently Amended) Topical cosmetic composition according to claim 14,

wherein the composition contains the HDAC inhibitor in a concentration of 0.001 to 50 wt.-%, based on the weight of the composition.

18. (Currently Amended) Topical cosmetic composition according to claim 17,

wherein the HDAC inhibitor is present in a concentration of 0.01 to 1 wt.-%, based on the weight of the composition.

19. (Currently Amended) Topical cosmetic composition according to claim 14,

wherein the retinoid is present in a concentration of 0.001 to 50 wt.-%, based on the weight of the composition.

20. (Currently Amended) Topical cosmetic composition according to claim 19,

wherein the retinoid is present in a concentration of 0.1 to 15 wt.-%, based on the weight of the composition.

21. (Currently Amended) Topical cosmetic composition according to claim 14,

wherein the ratio of the HDAC inhibitor to the retinoid is from 30:1 to 1:30, based on the weight.

22.-24. (Canceled).